

## BOOK REVIEWS

FREEMAN, C.C. and E.K. SCHOFIELD. 1991. **Roadside Wildflowers of the Southern Great Plains.** (ISBN 0-7006-0448-0). University Press of Kansas, 2501 West 15th Street, Lawrence, KS 66049-3904. Cloth \$29.95, Paper \$17.95. 280 pp + numerous color photographs and black and white illustrations.

A worthwhile field guide for any wildflower enthusiast whether professional or layman. It is laid out well by providing not only genus and species name but also family name and at least one vernacular name. Descriptions of plants are clear and understandable. Many fine line drawings by Ms. Schofield assist the reader with key identifying features. Habitat range and blooming period are included for each plant. Also, each plant covered has an exceptionally well done color plate showing the flowers, and many of them close up. However, the only weak point of the book is the lack of many of the color plates to show other equally important key identifying features of the plant such as leaves or overall growth habit.—*Jayne Uerling.*

FINLAYSON, M. and M. MOSER (Eds.) 1991. **Wetlands.** Facts of Life, Inc., 460 Park Avenue South, New York, NY 10016. Hbk \$45.00. 224 pp.

The International Waterfowl and Wetlands Research Bureau (IWRB) present this text as a report on the status and value of wetlands around the world. Until recently the destruction of rain forests has received more press than wetland habitat destruction. Wetland destruction is happening down the street as well as foreign and exotic places. This volume explains what wetlands are and why they are valuable and why they are being destroyed and threatened. The Ramer Convention, 1971, is an intergovernmental treaty providing a framework for international cooperation for wetland conservation. Sixty countries have joined the Convention. The book list the countries and the habitats protected under the treaty and how much acreage. The text divides the world into Europe and the Mediterranean Basin; North America; Latin America and the Caribbean; Africa; Asia and the Middle East; and Australasia and Oceania. Each chapter reports on wetland habitats in that part of the world. Each section includes a continent map with the wetlands identified. A bird migration map is included. The text is enhanced with color photographs of wetlands, plants and animals. This book will interest conservationist, botanist, bird watchers and ecologist.—*Dotty Woodson.*